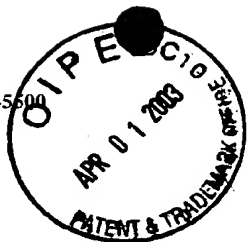


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Gettwart et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/586,481  
FILED: June 1, 2001  
EXAMINER: D. Charles  
CONFIRMATION NO.: 8302

TITLE: "METHOD FOR PROCESSING POSTAL MATTER AND POSTAL MATTER PROCESSING SYSTEM"

## AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS		X	( ) X 42.00 ( ) X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$140.00 ( ) \$280.00 ONE TIME	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00	

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- ☒ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated **October 28, 2003** for **two (2)** months so that the period for response is extended to **March 28, 2003**. A check in the amount of **\$410.00** is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
  - ☒ A check in the amount of **\$ 410.00** is attached.
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  - ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
  - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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